

RACE IN BUILDING BIG BATTLESHIPS

Connecticut Almost as Far
Along as Louisiana.

MAY POSSIBLY CATCH UP

Fear in Navy Yard That Congress May
Not Make Special Appropriations for Repairs.

NEW YORK, Feb. 19.—The rapid strides made on the Connecticut in January have brought it so near the Louisiana in percentage of completion that the hopes of the naval constructors that they would beat the Louisiana seem destined to be fulfilled. The latter ship is only 48 ahead of the Brooklyn-built battleship.

On January 1 the degree of completion of the Connecticut was 93.69 per cent, and that on the Louisiana 94.17 per cent. On February 1 the Connecticut was 95.16 per cent completed, and the Louisiana 95.24 per cent.

Crew Being Assembled.

So near is the Connecticut to completion that the crew for it is now being assembled on board the receiving ship Hancock, in the navy yard.

The officials and workmen of the yard are much pleased by the letter sent to Congress by Secretary Bonaparte asking for an increase in the limit of cost in the case of the Connecticut amounting to 12 per cent of the original limit. The increase asked for on the colliers to be built at the New York navy yard and the Mare Island navy yard equals 25 per cent and that on the training ship Cumberland, nearly completed at the Boston yard, and on the training ship Intrepid, in the same condition at the Mare Island Navy Yard, is 10 per cent. These increases are necessary if the vessels indicated are to be completed.

The navy yard is somewhat disturbed by the report from Washington that there is a possibility that Congress will fail to make the special provision necessary in carrying out the plans of improvement contemplated on such ships as the Massachusetts and Oregon. If there is any disposition to delay these appropriations or to refuse to make them, there will be serious embarrassment to the yard officials in their efforts to maintain a proper standard of military efficiency.

Would Increase Expenses.

Speaking of this possible omission by Congress, this opinion was uttered by one of the best qualified to speak on naval matters: "There will be a considerable increase in the cost of repairing the fleet in commission, if Congress so forces, for the reason that the yard forces would have to be reorganized, as it were, each time the fleet should come to the yard for repairs. At it is now, when the fleet is away, the men previously employed on the fleet, or so many of them as are needed, are transferred to this general overhauling of vessels out of commission. This arrangement insures, at the larger yards at least, a fairly continuous supply of work which can be profitably undertaken by the Government, while at the same time maintaining a reasonably effective organization of workmen at the yard to meet any emergency."

Oil as Fuel.

"One of the next steps which the Brooklyn navy yard will see in the development of new ideas on the naval service," says an officer of the yard, "will be in the use of oil fuel. This kind of fuel is having a great run in the British navy, comparatively speaking. Many tests have been made with oil fuel in the American navy and volumes of reports have been written about its merits and demerits. The cruiser Hampshire, built by Sir W. G. Armstrong, Whitworth and Company was specially fitted with oil-burning furnaces, in addition to the ordinary coal furnaces. The experiments which have been conducted in this and other vessels have been very satisfactory. In the light of these experiments in England there is little doubt that it will not be long before the experts of the yard here will be fixing their attention on that branch of naval engineering."

Capps on Battleship Building.

The views of Chief Constructor Capps, of the Navy Bureau of Construction and Repair, on the advantages of having a yard like that of Brooklyn ready at any time for the building of a big warship have graciously cheered the navy yard. Here is the exact wording of Mr. Capps' opinions: "I am of the opinion that it would be to the advantage of the Government to have one yard on the Atlantic coast and one yard on the Pacific coast fully equipped for building a vessel of the battleship class, as a means of protection against possible future attacks by private shipping firms, and to make it clear that the Government can undertake its own building. There was a tendency in the beginning to make a race between the two sister ships—the Louisiana and the Connecticut—but that is something I have not encouraged except when it did not conflict with the American navy's interests. As a matter of fact, both of these vessels, but for the delays in the delivery of certain materials supplied by the Government, would have been completed within the contract time of completion stipulated for the Louisiana."

PROMISES TO KEEP SOBER; DROPS DEAD

PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 19.—"If you will let me go this time, judge, I promise you I will never be brought before you again," said Robert Bell, sixty years old, to Magistrate Eisenbrow when he was arraigned in the Central police station on the charge of drunkenness.

Such promises are usually made by prisoners only to be broken, but the magistrate took Bell at his word and let him go.

Fifteen minutes later as he was leaving the northeastern entrance to the city hall, Bell dropped dead, a victim of heart disease.

So far as the police were able to ascertain, the old man had no fixed place of residence.

THIRTY-TWO TAKE PLEDGE AT HOLY TRINITY CHURCH

Thirty-two persons took the pledge administered by the Rev. Father Harlin at a meeting of the Catholic Total Abstinence Union yesterday afternoon at Holy Trinity Catholic Church. The Rev. Joseph Brick, S. J., William P. Downey, Matthew Mailey, and William Hickey addressed the meeting. The next meeting of the newly organized branch of the temperance society will be held at the same place next Sunday, when officers will be elected.

UNCLE SAM'S PRIVATE DROMIOS HAVE MOST BEWILDERING TIME



W. T. MARSHALL,
Of White House Staff.

BAIN FARR,
Of Treasury Department.

White House Messenger and Treasury Clerk Cause Confusion.

How would you like to have your identity shared by another person?

Would you care to have some one look so much like yourself that people are all the time thinking you are somebody else?

Suppose your name were Smith, how would you like to have folks on numerous occasions address you as "Jones," because it happened that Jones had features and customs similar to your own?

Well, there are two men in this city whose walks in life frequently cross

each other, and as they resemble each other closely, they are continually being "mixed up."

Both Government Employees.

These two men are W. T. Marshall, one of President Roosevelt's messengers at the White House, and Bain Farr, employed in the stationery division of the Treasury. Mr. Marshall's position requires him to be in and out many times during the day, and he is pretty well known on the streets. Mr. Farr does not leave the Treasury Department often.

In consequence of their striking resemblance and Marshall's fame, Mr. Farr is frequently hailed on the streets as "Hello, Marshall, how are things over at the White House?"

While the two are not so much alike that Farr could go home and fool Marshall's wife and children, the resemblance

is so striking as to cause much annoyance and fun. The other day Marshall went into the Treasury Department on an errand from the White House. He happened to pass by the stationery division and received a summons from one of the clerks to "come in here and help me do some work." Of course, Marshall did not go in.

Could Do Great Things.

If Farr were so minded he could easily walk away with the President's desk at the White House any dark night, the officers thinking he was Marshall, and Marshall could get into the Treasury and help himself to all sorts of choice stationery.

Strange to say, Marshall and Farr are not even acquainted, knowing each other only by sight. They declare, however, that some day they will get together and talk over the various experiences they have had in being taken for the other.

FRIENDS WIN FORTUNE IN PARIS LOTTERY

PARIS, Feb. 19.—The winners of the \$100,000 prize in yesterday's press lottery are two close friends. One is Jean Feyt, chief clerk of the Mortgage Registration Office, at Bergerac, and the other is Louis Rouly, who manages a wool-combing factory near Bergerac. When the clerk from the local branch

of the Societe Generale Bank, where he had bought the ticket, told him of his good luck, Feyt hired a motor car and rushed off to inform his friend Rouly, who lives some twenty miles away. Feyt intends to resign his position as chief clerk of the Mortgage Registration Office, and join his friend in the management of the wool-combing factory.

One of the prizes of \$20,000 has been won by five sisters named Labbe, residing at Lille. Three of the sisters are employed as shop girls.

HE HAS THE LONGEST LEGS IN NEW JERSEY

NAVESINK, N. J., Feb. 19.—Charles Coy, of this place, has the longest legs of any person in the State. He is but seventeen years old, yet is over six feet tall. His body is unusually short, and his legs are unusually long.

He requires a pair of trousers forty-eight inches the inside seam of the leg. With all this height, Coy is a lightweight, tipping the scales at 125 pounds.

Steel Plant Taken to Canada to Dodge Tariff

American Capital Erecting Mammoth Establishment at Windsor to Supply Railroad Contract Calling for Steel Rails.

The tariff wall along the Canadian boundary line may be high enough to hinder, to a considerable extent, the trade relations between the two countries, but American capital and manufacturers are climbing over and producing their goods on the other side.

Canada Gets U. S. Steel Plant.

Numerous instances of this sort have been reported from time to time, but an American consul, who is in Washington on leave, brings to the State Department the report that a mammoth steel plant, larger than anything in that line, now existing in Canada, is to be built at Windsor, just across the river from Detroit, by a big steel manufacturing corporation, with headquarters in Pittsburgh and New York.

This plant is really constructed purposely to supply a certain large railroad contract. The order was given to the

American concern, and, owing to the size of the contract and the tariff obstacle, it was decided feasible to build a plant in Canada for the purpose. The plant, however, will be a permanent one, and after the railroad contract is filled, it is hoped that a market still may be found for the product.

Dominion Plants Incapable.

Plans already have been made for the construction of slightly over 40,000 miles of railroad in the Dominion, and at least five years will be required to accomplish the work. This will call for 1,500,000 tons of steel rail, which is twice as much as the Canadian plants are capable of turning out within that period of time. There are but two big steel mills in Canada at present.

The biggest railroad project under way in Canada is the new transcontinental line, which will extend from Montreal through Winnipeg to the Pacific coast.

TEACHER KIDNAPS HER FAVORITE PUPIL

Travels With Him Until He Is Nine-
teen Years of Age, Then
Abandons Him.

VIENNA, Feb. 19.—A schoolboy named Szepan disappeared from his home in an Austrian town in 1901, at the age of fourteen, and all search for him proved futile until yesterday, when he was found in the town of Neudorf, in the principality of Liechtenstein.

It has been discovered that he was kidnapped by a school mistress named Buehl, who had a strong affection for her pupil. She took him with her on a tour through Belgium, and afterward to Italy, Constantinople and Jerusalem, finally abandoning him, at the age of nineteen, in Neudorf.

When first questioned Szepan energetically denied his identity, and attempted to escape from his father, who came to claim him. On being examined by a judge, however, he confessed, and gave details of his wanderings with Buehl, who he said, supplied him with money and false papers, and made all arrangements for their journeys.

He was placed by her at different times in convents at Rome, Constantinople, and Jerusalem. Szepan's disappearance has been the subject of numerous interpolations in the reichsrath, and his return has caused general astonishment.

FORTY-TWO RATTLES UNDER HEARTHSTONE

Kentucky Woman Killed Them All
With One Dash of Scald-
ing Water.

MUNFORDSVILLE, Ky., Feb. 19.—Forty-two rattlesnakes ranging in size from six inches to five feet, were killed under an old-fashioned hearth at the farm house of Isaac Welborn, in the Roundtree neighborhood.

Mrs. Welborn scalded the reptiles, and with a pair of tongs, lifted them out and placed them in a row for display. For several weeks Mrs. Welborn had complained that the house was haunted. She persuaded her husband to remove the hearthstone. In a hollow place the snakes were snugly awaiting the coming of warm weather.

BODY OF INFANT IN ALLEY.

The body of an infant, wrapped in newspapers, tied with strips of blue calico, was found in the rear of 128 Lingers court, between Nineteenth, Twentieth, L and M streets northwest, yesterday afternoon. It was turned over to police of the Third precinct, who removed it to the morgue and informed Coroner Nevitt, who is investigating.

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